

Dear Ms. Funaro:

I am a dentist who treats patients on Medicaid and patients with private, for profit insurance. I strongly object to the privatization of the Medicaid Enterprise. To the contrary of what Gov. Branstad says, I consistently find Medicaid Enterprise superior to for profit insurance companies. I can immediately talk to a representative at Medicaid Enterprise to verify Medicaid eligibility for a patient. When I submit a claim which is easy, simple and streamlined, I am paid for my services within 7 to 9 business days.

Comparing the superior performance and service of Medicaid Enterprise with the private insurance companies I deal with, private insurance often is difficult to work with. The paper work required is extensive, and the wait period for claims to be paid is triple that of Medicaid Enterprise.

The Medicaid system works, and there is absolutely no need for it to be changed. Medicaid patients and providers both benefit from the current superior administration of this program.

Thank you,
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